

Whiskeytown 2015 Fee Increase Proposal

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public comment on fee increases proposed for 2015 at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. The current park entrance fees have been in place at Whiskeytown since 1997.

Entrance fees are not charged to persons under 16 years of age or holders of the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Senior, Access or Military Passes. These passes may be obtained at the parks. Other proposed visitor use fees for recreation use and camping have been developed through comparability studies with



New Restroom at Oak Bottom built from fee revenue

surrounding area services and are a part of the new fee schedules.

Recreation fee dollars at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area renovated all park primitive campgrounds and the Dry Creek group campsites, installed ADA accessible walkways and access ramps, installed campground bear-proof food lockers, maintained the kayak tour equipment and storage, installed fishing piers, created and maintained miles of trails, replaced the Oak Bottom wastewater treatment facility, and replaced restroom facilities throughout the park. Thanks to fee revenue a project is currently underway to replace the Oak Bottom Beach restroom and changing facility. Additional revenue raised by a fee increase will be used to improve and expand our 51 year old visitor center, renovate the beach stores and swim beaches, rehabilitate park picnic areas, renovate Oak Bottom Campground bathrooms, preserve historic structures, develop and produce park interpretive videos, renovate informational kiosks, provide improved signage, and many other projects that will improve the park experience for visitors.

Proposed Entrance Fee Changes

| | Current Entrance Fees | Proposed Entrance Fees |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Daily Use Fee | \$5 | \$10 |
| Weekly Use Fee | \$10 | \$20 |
| Whiskeytown Annual Pass | \$25 | \$40 |

Proposed Camping / Picnic Area Fee Changes

| Facility | Current Fees | Proposed Fees |
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| Primitive Campsites (Peltier Valley, Brandy Creek, Crystal Creek, Sheep Camp, Horse Camp, and Coggins Park.) | \$10 / night | \$15 / night |
| Brandy Creek RV Campsite | \$14 / night summer \$7 / night winter | \$15 / night all year |
| Dry Creek Campground | \$75 / night | \$80 / night |
| Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area | Site #1 \$50 / day Site #2 \$40 / day Site #3 \$40 / day | Site #1 \$50 / day * Site #2 \$50 / day * |

^{*} Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area is scheduled for renovation. During this renovation the number of sites will be reduced from 3 to 2. The new fee schedule will not go in to effect until this renovation is complete. This will likely occur sometime during 2016.

How to Submit Comments

Please submit comments on the proposed fee increases online at:

http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ProposedFees2015

Or by mail to:

Superintendent Whiskeytown National Recreation Area Re: Proposed 2015 Fee Increases P.O. Box 188

Whiskeytown, CA 96095

Comments may also be provided at a public meeting at the Redding Public Library on November 6, 2014 at 6 pm. The comment period will be open through December 5, 2014.